

LEADER SAYS MEN GO BACK ONLY FOR U. S.

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men inviting the organization" asked Senator Jones.

"No, only as the men met in different localities and expressed their desires."

"Why was it incumbent on the American Federation of Labor to organize the steel industry?" Senator Jones asked.

"It was a bad spot in the industrial situation," Fitzpatrick replied. "In the steel industry the hours are long, the wages small and the treatment—you can't describe the treatment."

Step Made in Self Defense.

These conditions, he added, led other large employers to consider imposing similar conditions on their employees and so for the defense of organization of workers everywhere in the country organization of the steel industry was deemed essential by the leaders of the labor movement.

"How many men are employed in steel mills?" asked Senator Kenyon.

"We figure about 500,000," Fitzpatrick replied.

Continuing his statement, Fitzpatrick said "the steel corporation finally gave assurances that it would establish the 8-hour day but the steel workers paid no attention."

Barred by Town.

"Demands kept coming from Youngstown and Pittsburgh that organizers be sent to help them," he said. "The first opposition was met in McKeesport. We were told there we could have no meetings in rented halls or lots. We went to McKeesport and put the matter before the city authorities. The mayor said we could not meet there and the city council said the mayor had full authority."

This was in October, 1918, Fitzpatrick said, and the issue was brought to Washington.

"President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, wrote the mayor," he continued, "and the

governor of Pennsylvania. There was no answer."

Opposed Everywhere.

Everywhere the organizers went they met opposition, Fitzpatrick said.

"But we went on as best we could," he added, "holding meetings in the outskirts of cities and elsewhere and the men came and signed up. By May we had something over 30,000 men in the various districts. These men wanted to take immediate action, but we prevailed upon them to wait until other points were organized."

The first effort to obtain a conference with Judge Gary was made last May, the witness said. This was by the tin workers.

"They received an answer stating that the corporation would not meet the representatives of labor, but would do business as they had in the past," said Fitzpatrick.

Gompers Letter Ignored.

After the steel situation had been discussed at the convention last June of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers wrote Chairman Gary, Fitzpatrick said, adding:

"That letter was ignored, absolutely. There was no reply."

In continuing the steel workers' organization, Fitzpatrick said the union organizers were "jailed and opposed in every possible way."

Finally on July 20, he said, the 24 steel unions' representatives decided to take a strike vote of the men.

Vote for Strike.

The organizations responded unanimously, the witness continued, "and on Aug. 20 we had reports that 98 per cent of the men the unions were able to get expressions from had authorized their representatives to call a strike if they were unable to get a conference with the corporation heads."

"Did you have the total number of men who voted on the strike?" asked Senator Wolcott, Democrat, Delaware.

"No, each union took its own vote."

"Did you have any figures to show the number of men who voted in each union?"

"No, we did not get them. Each union got its own figures and reported whatever percent had voted for the strike. The average of the 24 unions was 98 per cent."

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HOLDS PEOPLE BEING MISLED BY PRESIDENT

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is generally suitable for arbitration. Declaration of any nation to arbitrate would mean submission of the question to the council, he added.

"These are not the only mis-statements made by the president in his recent discussion of the treaty," Senator New declared. "Such addresses as Mr. Wilson has made on his western trip are not entirely suitable for a serious and accurate discussion of a question of this intricate character; and we may, therefore, be pardoned if we object to any statement concerning it which is not exactly true or the

ambiguity of which leaves the public in doubt."

Warning against interference in European affairs, the Indiana senator declared entrance of the United States into the League of Nations would mean pursuance of the course which has brought the country to the point today where it has not a "single friend among the nations." And this course, he said, has been followed in "utter

disregard of the caution and advice of the fathers of the nation."

"One of the simplest elements of common sense," said the senator in conclusion, "is the minding of one's own business and the keeping out of other people's business. This treaty, with its league attachment, provides for the systematic interference of the United States into the affairs of every other nation."

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